

Part of City Gets Area-Wide Dialing in March

Starting next March, Torrance residents who live in the Frontier dialing area north of Sepulveda Blvd. and east of Madrona will be able to dial almost anywhere in the Los Angeles area without going through the operator.

According to H. C. Vaupel, manager of the Frontier exchange for the General Telephone Co., automatic ticket-

ing equipment installations in the Redondo central office are expected to be complete by March 1, 1958.

Torrance residents who live south of Sepulveda Blvd. in the Frontier exchange will have to wait until October, 1959, to get the area-wide dialing service. This area is served by the equipment houses in the Palos Verdes Central office.

Residents of the Rolling Hills Frontier area will not be able to dial outside the district until October, 1961, when installation of equipment there is complete.

After the area-wide dialing is put into service, all calls to places outside the exchange will be connected, timed, and ticketed automatically.

Automatic toll ticketing equipment now is being installed in the Hermosa office, which handles that part of Torrance north of Sepulveda Blvd.



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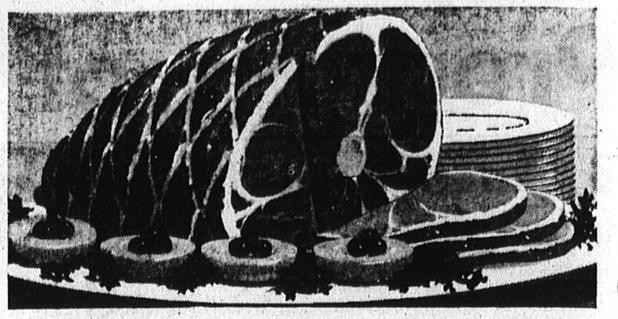
ANYONE FOR BROOMS? . . . Mary Pedersen and Ken Purviance (right) are shown selling Acting Police Chief Percy Bennett a broom to start the sale which will recruit funds to send the Torrance Area Youth Band to Chicago to attend the Midwest National Band Clinic.

Stock Cars to Make Second Appearance

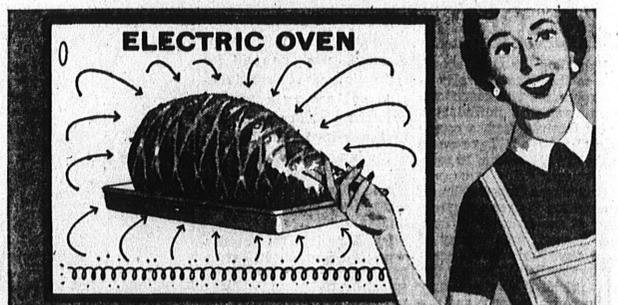
The NASCAR late model stock cars will make their second appearance at Bill McKay's Los Angeles Speedway Saturday night. First race is billed for 8:30.

The 1956 and 1957 stocks head the week end speed bill at the 182nd and Vermont Ave. half-mile raceway. The Friday card will feature the regular appearance of the AMA-sanctioned motorcycles.

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Cash Sought for Additional Beds At New Hospital

If funds are raised immediately, the cost of adding 21 beds to Torrance's Little Company of Mary Hospital will be \$42,000 less than had been anticipated, Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, director of health and hospitals for the archdiocese of Los Angeles, told the hospital's advisory council Monday.

The enlargement program, which calls for 21 additional beds above the original plans for 125, should cost about \$90,000, Msgr. O'Dwyer said.

The Harvey Aluminum Co. announced a \$25,000 gift to start the expanded program, and the remaining \$65,000 is expected to be raised by local industries and citizens, Robert I. Plomert Jr., chairman of the advisory council, said.

"There are no state or federal matching funds available for this additional expense," Plomert, manager of the property tax department, General Petroleum Corp., explained.

He revealed that architectural plans are now being readied to submit to the seven leading hospital contractors in the area by Sept. 15.

Plomert also announced the appointment of four advisory council committee chairmen, including Fred Mill, National Supply, finance; Charles Czuleger, Sr., Redondo Beach, Famous 50 Club; William Zapas, public relations, and George W. Schneider, Orange County Land Development Co., nominating. Schneider also was elected secretary of the advisory council.

Youth Band Plans Sale Of Brooms

In an attempt to raise \$25,000 for their trip to the Midwest National Band Clinic in Chicago this December, members of the Torrance Area Youth Band began selling brooms yesterday.

Each of the brooms is labeled "Torrance Area Youth Band" and members of the organization will make house-to-house calls every day up to and including next Monday.

Mothers and fathers of the 82 bandmen will be stationed downtown selling the brooms to shoppers.

First to purchase a broom from the youngsters was Acting Police Chief Percy Bennett, who commended the group for their self-supporting action.

"Those who engage in this sort of activity are not likely to become juvenile delinquents," Chief Bennett told the delegation.

The Torrance band is one of eight throughout the nation invited to attend the Chicago meeting.

Artuso Gets Fontana Post With Schools

Alfred Artuso, assistant personnel director for the Torrance Unified School District, will leave next Wednesday to become personnel director of the Fontana School District.

He submitted his resignation to the school board Tuesday night.

Artuso served as principal at Walleria School for two years, supervising the "Little Red Schoolhouse" plan during its initiation here. He formerly was vice principal at Perry School and taught at Seaside School. Before that he was a coach and teacher in Reno, Nev., schools. He is the author of a forthcoming article in the School Board Journal.

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